

# VIRGINIANS ARE DOING THEIR SHARE IN MAKING COUNTRY'S GREAT NAVY

"Fighting Bob" Evans Native of This State, While Rear-Admirals Capps, Pendleton, Phelps and Other Famous Naval Officers Claim It as Their Own.  
Promising Virginians Lost to Navy by Resignation of  
Lewis Nixon and Death of S. W. Armistead.

Times-Dispatch Bureau,  
Washington, D. C., May 22.  
Virginians, both there or appointed from there, are having much to do with making the United States Navy what it is to-day. Rear Admiral Washington Lee Capps, chief constructor and chief of the Bureau of Construction and Repair, was born in Norfolk about forty-five years ago. Thomas Dillard Griffin, who has just been selected to command the New Jersey, came from the Roanoke section. He is first in the line for promotion to admiral. Joseph Strauss, who was born in New York, but appointed from Lynchburg, commands the Montgomery.

Naval Academy he went abroad, he having been selected by the Navy Department to pursue a special course in the University of Glasgow, where he studied naval architecture. In 1889 he was sent to the New York navy yard. After the battle of Manila Mr. Capps was put in charge of the task of raising the sunken Spanish gunboats. Having completed this work he came home on the Olympia. His reputation was made as constructor at the navy yards. He was appointed chief constructor by Secretary Moody in 1903.  
At the present time Admiral Capps is engaged in constructing two battle-

ships and his chief will rebuild Uncle Sam's navy.  
Of brilliant family, Captain Taylor married a Louisiana society woman. His reputation at Annapolis was not confined to the regular courses of the academy, but as an athlete he stood well. He belongs to a family of brilliant minds. His mother, who saw him graduate, told Admiral Ramsey, who had charge of the school, that he was not the only bright child she had.  
"I suppose," said Mr. Ramsey, "you are very proud of your distinguished son."  
"Yes," was the reply, "but I have

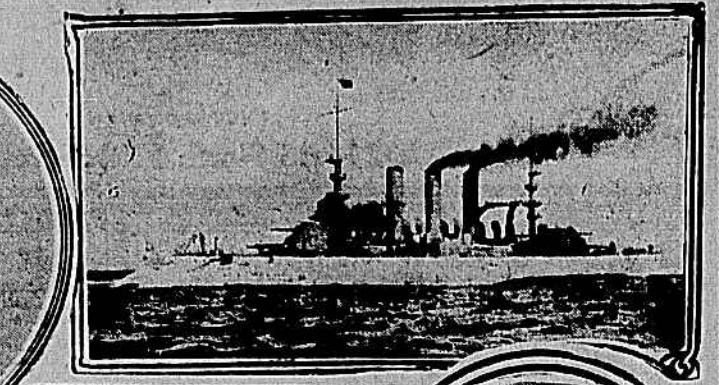


REAR-ADMIRAL ROBERT D. EVANS, Retired.

ery, the government's experimental ship, Captain David Watson Taylor, of Louisiana county, is assistant to Mr. Capps. Others of note are: Rear Admirals Edwin Conway, Pendleton and Thomas Stowell Phelps, both of whom are sons of officers, and were born in Virginia—the one being commandant of the navy yard at Philadelphia and the other holding a similar position at Mare Island. Allen Reynolds, commanding the Montana, was born in Virginia, but received his appointment from Indiana. Captain Wythe Macchant Parks, engineer officer at the navy yard in New York, and Captain Clifford Joseph Boush, of the navy yard at Portsmouth, were born in and appointed from the Old Dominion.

The following named, listed under the head of commanders, are Virginians: De Witt Coffman, in charge of the naval magazine at St. Julien's Creek; Robert Stanislaus Griffin, assistant to the Bureau of Steam Engineering; William Struther Smith, of the Bureau of Engineering; Hilary Pollard Jones, Jr., of the navy yard here; and Charles M. McCormick, commanding the Albacore.

Several of these men have made world-wide reputations for themselves and are worthy sons of their native State.  
Took High Rank.  
Admiral Capps took high rank at Annapolis, where he entered after a competitive examination. He was at the head of his class, graduating in 1884. His career from cadet engineer to chief instructor has been full of interesting incidents. On leaving the



REAR-ADMIRAL WASHINGTON LEE, Chief Constructor, U. S. N.

In many ways than the powerful Dreadnought.  
Personally, Mr. Capps is a charming gentleman—dignified, modest and affable, and not afraid of responsibility. Captain Taylor, Admiral Capps's right-hand man, is unassuming, and has engaging manners. In the Naval Academy, where he made one of the highest records of recent years, his splendid ability was recognized by his instructors. He received maximum grades all the time he was there. He

three boys at home just as clever as David, and a daughter cleverer than any of her brothers."

In telling me this story, a Washington woman said, "And I have been told since that every one of the children were exceptionally strong of mind."  
Joseph Strauss was a classmate of Captain Taylor. His father, Raphael Strauss, a highly-esteemed citizen of Lynchburg, had to make a fight to get his boy in the Naval Academy. There was some contention about his appointment.

The father and some came to Washington to see Secretary W. M. Hunt, but on arriving at the Navy Department they found W. M. Hunt, Jr., who at that time was secretary to his father, but later was appointed judge of a Federal court in Montana. The matter was considered on its merits, and the young Virginian entered at Annapolis, where he made a very creditable record, devoting most of his time to ordnance and to-day he is one of the experts of the country on that subject. He designed the superposed turrets in the Kentucky and Kearsarge, from which 400-ton guns can be fired. He was the first person in the world to think of that style of construction. Instead of tearing the ships to pieces, as many predicted would be the result, the firing caused less concussion inside than outside of the ships. The Prince of Wales, on studying the turrets when our ships were in English waters, expressed his surprise at such wonderful mechanism. The German Emperor, who also visited the ships, was amazed and delighted with the improvements made by Mr. Strauss.

Strauss an Inventor.  
Mr. Strauss has invented gun-mounts that are considered the best in the world.  
Commander Griffin, of the New Jersey, was an aid to Secretary Newberry when the latter was Assistant Secretary of the Navy. He is fifty-five years old. His wife was a Miss Clayton, of a well-known Maryland family.

Mr. Parks, who is of the highest of any one appointed from Virginia, was transferred to the line from the engineering corps "to perform engineer duty on shore only," and, therefore, debarr'd from being an admiral.

Three very promising Virginians were lost to the navy by the resignation of Lewis Nixon, of New York, and the deaths of Richard Gatewood and S. W. Armistead. Gatewood died of tuberculosis and Armistead was accidentally killed at Mare Island. Nixon is a prominent ship-builder and politician.

The great Fighting Bob Evans, retired, was born in Virginia, but got his appointment from Maryland and was a Union soldier during the Civil War, and was promoted for bravery. He is known the world over for his courage and dash.

Reidsville Social News.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
REIDSVILLE, N. C., May 22.—Miss Anne Sloan and Mrs. P. D. Watt have been visiting Mrs. R. L. Manney in Salisbury, N. C. Mrs. Watt has returned, but Miss Sloan has extended her visit to Charlotte, N. C. Robert Harris is in Baltimore this week, where he had a slight surgical operation performed, and is reported improving rapidly.

Local young women who have been attending college in other cities are beginning to return. Among the arrivals this week are Misses Reid Overman, Mary Womack and Sara Staples.  
Rev. D. I. Craig, D. D., pastor of First Presbyterian Church, left this week to attend the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church in Savannah, Ga., but was recalled on account of the death of Dr. J. R. Joyce, postmaster, is back to his post after an illness of two or three months.

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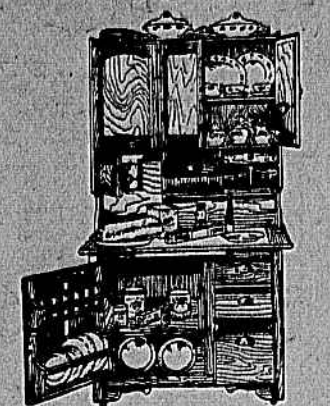
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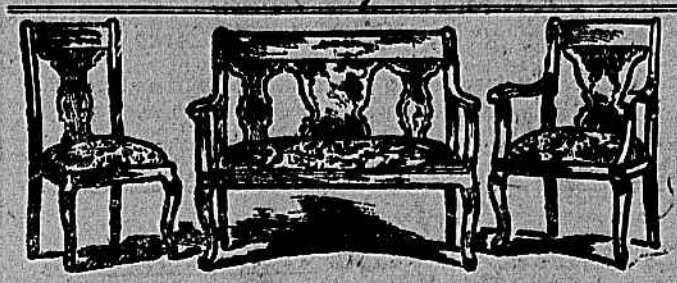
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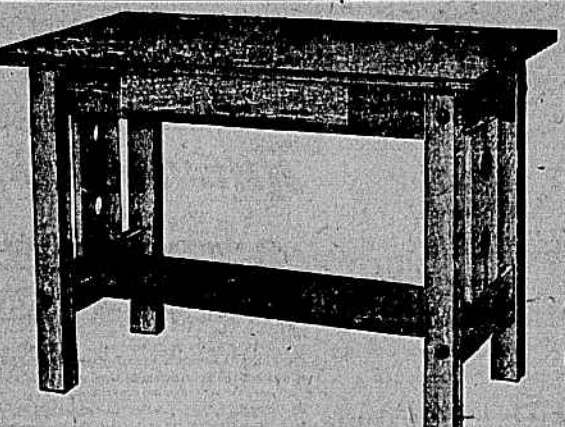
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[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
MEHERRIN, VA., May 22.—Mr. and Mrs. Bennie L. Winn, of Lynchburg county, were married in Washington, D. C., last Tuesday. Both of these young people are popular in this section

Jackson spoke at the opera house Tuesday evening at the meeting of the "drys." Mr. and Mrs. John Ingles, who have been visiting at Graham Forge, are now visiting Mr. Ingles's mother, Mrs. Angie Ingles.  
Among those who attended the music festival last week at Roanoke were Misses Meggie Wilson, Alice Jones, Watt Shelton, Carrie Brown, Captain and Mrs. J. J. Jones, Mrs. H. R. Burdell, of Washington, after visiting her sister, Mrs. J. W. Walters, has returned to her home.  
Mrs. A. J. Welch of Chattanooga, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Vaughn.  
H. A. Zimmerman spent several days with his family this week.

## Wilmington Social News.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
WILMINGTON, N. C., May 22.—The week ending to-day was marked by the usual many school commencements, but the most interesting and delightful of all was that of the Wilmington High School. Most attractive exercises were presented in connection with this event, which was held in the Academy of Music. There were twenty-one graduates, and the address was delivered by Rev. B. W. Hogue, formerly pastor of St. James Episcopal Church, this city, but now of Chapel Hill. The exercises of the commencement of the Union School were also particularly interesting, especially as a splendid address was delivered to the pupils of that school by Hon. B. F. Dixon, State Auditor.  
The observance of the one-hundred and thirty-fourth anniversary of the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence was a glorious one in Wilmington and at nearby seashore resorts. At Carolina Beach the Red Men of Wilmington, making up the membership of three tribes, held a big celebration, and the Wilmington Light Infantry observed the occasion at Wrightsville Beach, winding up the day's festivities with a big willow tree social dance at Lumina, the large pavilion on the beach. The Daughters of the Confederacy of Trinity Methodist Church, Wednesday, presented a pleasurable entertainment at the residence of Mrs. J. H. Boer, 208 North Seventh Street.  
Two marriages of interest took place this week, and both the same evening. Wednesday Miss Lillie Smith and Frank King were united in marriage at the Rev. J. H. Boer, pastor of Bladen Street Methodist Church, performing the ceremony, and Miss Anna V. Whitson and M. B. Korman were married. Rev. J. S. Crowley, pastor of Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, being the officiating minister.  
Fembroke Jones returned North this week. Mrs. Jones and Miss Sadie Jones are expected to return from Europe early next month.

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